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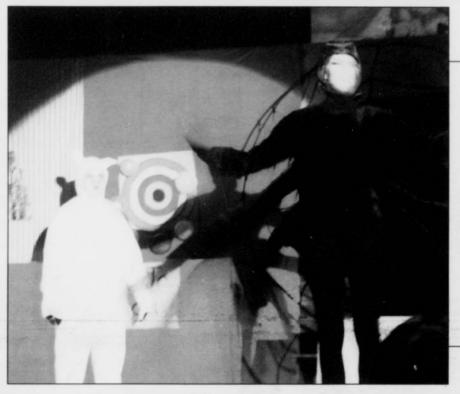
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## Charlotte's Web

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# **AUMA** goes to Health Minister

Jodi Styner and Tamara Collins

Many Alberta towns are digging into empty pockets after the plug was pulled on the transfer of ground ambulance services from municipalities to

health authorities last week. The transfer was set to take place April 1, but Health Min-ister Iris Evans halted the project, saying that municipalities were inflating costs, and the numbers were coming in

"significantly higher" than the \$55 million budgeted. Didsbury Mayor and AUMA vice president Dorothy Moore said she was counting on the transfer and will now have to take money out of much needed infrastructure projects to pay 'a broken promise.

"We desperately need to fix our infrastructure and any-

thing that puts that on hold, puts us at a loss and paves the way for possible failures of infrastructure repair and replace-ment," Moore said. "It can't be put off forever. Things just get more costly over time and there's a point when a problem can be fixed and a point when it can't be fixed and needs to be

AUMA met with the Health Minister Evans Thursday morning to discuss the current uncertainty. Their key mes-sages to the Minister were that a promise has been broken, the cost of ambulance services has been removed from municipal budgets, municipalities know their costs of delivering ambu-lance services and municipalities and AUMA have dedicated considerable resources and efforts over the last year to meet the Provincial targets and obsponsibility from Municipali-ties to RHAs.

Moore estimated that Didsbury is currently operating at an accumulated infrastructure deficit of \$12 million al-

"We all have crumbling infrastructure, but the smaller communities suffer the most," she said. "The fact is, there are fewer people to pay for core services and small communities are fighting to survive.

AUMA proposed to the Minister that three steps be taken immediately, the first step is municipal governments be com-pensated to meet their ambulance services budget require-ments in 2005. The second step is the initiation of the pilots proposed by Alberta Health and Wellness. AUMA supports the pilots and will make every ef-

fort to ensure that they address; the right service needs for citizens, the right govern-ment models, the right delivery mechanisms, and the right funding arrangements for RHAs and those municipalities contracting ambulance services, in order to clearly understand the full implications of this responsibility transfer. The third step AUMA proposed be taken is the province initiate immediately, a clear outline "Due Diligence Process" to en-sure the future transition is transparent, effective and seamless, and the future benefits exploited.

The ambulance transfer will still take place in two munici-palities and in the Peace Country to determine whether a full, province-wide transfer is "operationally and financially



**Thursday** March 10 **FLYER HAND OUTS** AT CHECKOUTS



# Border block

by Jodi Styner

It took just one man to smudge all the red ink circling March 7 on calendars across Alberta, last week.

Five days before the U.S. border was set to re-open to live cattle and beef products under thirty months of age, U.S. District Judge Richard Cebull granted a temporary

injunction to lobby group R-CALF, slamming it shut. Just a day earlier, USDA Secretary Mike Johanns reaffirmed his commitment to resuming beef trade on Mar. 7, but some politicians are sug gesting support from the U.S government has waned as a esult of Prime Minister Paul Martin's recent decision not to participate in the U.S. mis-

sile defense strategy.

"He said there would be a public debate on missile defense and it would be brought to the House of Com-mons for a thorough debate, but then he waltzes into the House of Commons and says won't participate," said d Rose MP Myron Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson. "President Bush is no one to mess with. If you say one thing and you do another thing she doesn't oper-ate that way and I am so fear-ful this may not be appealed."

But Alberta Agriculture Minister Doug Horner said there is no indication that the Prime Minister's actions had anything to do with the bor der injunction, adding that the judge's decision may even 'embarrassing" to the U.S. administration.

"The world is watching how the U.S. is treating their

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# **MVCU** celebrates prosperous year at annual meeting

by Tamara Collins

Over 300 came together Thursday night for the Mountain View Credit Union's (MVCU) 28th annual general meeting.

The MVCU celebrated a prosperous year in 2004 with expansion of their branches to two new locations, Delia and Crossfield.

'We experienced growth over the past year, MVCU president Vance van Dam. "A large part of that growth is the addition of two new branches in Delia and Crossfield. Both have been great additions and are a great asset to the Credit

The meeting, which was held in Crossfield, started with a meal and entertainment by the Golden Key Singers. Following the entertainment, service awards were presented starting with those who have served three Riley years, including Gardner, Katherine Hansen, Jim Hepburn and Verna Hoff. Five year awards were presented to Nicolette Doyle, Barbara Fenton, and Cathy Leask. One ten year award was presented to Carol Sales.

Three directors' terms were up, Lorrene Laursen who decided to step down, John Richter who chose to let his name stand, and Kevin Sheppard who chose to step down. Others elected to run for directors' positions included Lynn Carroll, Brenda Dobson, Fred McEwan, Dennis Punter. Robert and Thiessen.

Richter was re-elected, and Dobson and McEwan were also elected as new directors

Richter lives with his wife and son in Beiseker and was the mayor for nine years. During his time with the Credit Union he has welcomed many new members and branches.

"I would like to carry on in making this Credit Union a growing, successful one, said Richter.

Dobson lives in Crossfield where she runs three busi-

"I am a new member to the Credit Union," Dobson said. "I want to offer my time and energy to this new experience."

McEwan is also from Crossfield, but has land outside Carstairs as well. He said he likes to look to the future, and he feels it is important to be involved in organizations.

"Look what they give back to the community," said McEwan. "I have run





Top: The new Mountain View Credit Union Board of Directors, front row: (L to R) Niel Vanderzwan, Vance van Dam, Otto Hoff. Back row: (L to R) John

Richter, Brenda Dobson, Jean Whittaker, Fred McEwan, and Ron Armstrong. Herman Epp (missing).

Left: The Golden Key Singers put on a great show at the Credit Union's annual meeting.

-photos by Tamara Collins

lots of businesses over the years, each new experience you learn from."

The Credit Union posted earnings of \$1,504,567 before Patronage Allocations and Income Taxes.

That number is very commendable for a Credit

Union of our size," said van Dam.

Loans to members increased by \$28,531,442 (15.4%) and finished the year at \$213,373,404. Member deposits increased \$28,130,633 (13.5%) and finished the year

\$235,923,444. The Credit Union's asset increased from \$224,594,603 to \$253,760,950, a total of 13%. Net income for 2004 was down from \$1,146,501 to \$753,030.

This decrease was due to increase in operating expenses with the extra staffing, and the

addition of the two new branches and the organizational costs that go along with that," said van Dam. Retained earnings for the end of the year grew 9% from \$5,142,422 to \$5,614,045.

At year end members totalled 17,785, with 17,262 memberships.

# DITORIAL

#### **RCMP Tragedy**



TAMARA COLLINS EDITORIAL

A terrible tragedy happened this week and four RCMP officers from Alberta were killed while at the scene of a drug bust. These officers were not from here, but it feels way to close to home.

Just last week local officers were dealing with a meth lab bust near Cremona, this could have happened there, this could happen anywhere.

There are people in this world, such as RCMP officers, who live their lives helping oth-

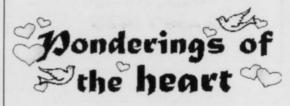
ers and sometimes have to risk their lives to make everyone's life safer, these people should be cherished.

The loss of four RCMP officers is truly a terrible trag-

edy and people from all over Canada will feel this despair.

Bless those who live to serve and protect, and watch that someone is protecting them too.





by Margaret Fradley

### "It Takes Courage"

A short time ago, my husband and I attended a church supper. Everything looked appetizing and tasty. We were out for dinner, this was a treat. Now I must let you in on the fact that my husband trained me very well. Very early in our marriage, he requested to have his dinne plates warmed before we put out our food, and actually this did turn out to be a very good idea, the food does

keep much warmer.

However, getting back to the dinner, we both noticed immediately that the plates were extremely cold. With what I call real courage, he took two plates, took them into the kitchen and asked permission to warm the plates in the microwave. I had to remind him not to take the plates with the gold rims, or it could prove 'interest-

I give thanks to those faithful souls in the kitchen who complied with his request. Now perhaps it does not sound too much to ask, but if one thinks about it, had over 400 people requested their plates to be warmed, well, I just hate to think of the chaos that might have

What works for two does not always work for the masses!'

MYRON THOMPSON'S COLUMN

# THE FIGHT TO OPEN THE BORDER STARTS AGAIN

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose says yesterday's U.S. Senate vote against opening the border is just the latest in a 'long line of delays and disappointments for Canadian producers.

"It was encouraging to-day to hear US Ambassador Cellucci state that George Bush is prepared to use his political capital to get the border opened to Canadian cattle. I know we have an ally in the President and the United States Department of Agriculture," said Thompson.

"I just wished I could say the same for our own government. Once again, liberal promises to solve this problem on behalf of farm families have come to

nothing. The government seemed completely taken by surprise by these latest de velopments,' stated Thompson.

'At the very least Andy Mitchell our Agriculture Minister should be in Washington addressing any outstanding issues that may be fuelling these protectionist actions and do everything in his power to urge the US administration to pursue the appeal process with due haste," said Thompson.

The Conservative Party

today called on the federal government to take urgent action immediately in three areas:

First, to call on the government immediately make clear it will provide the necessary support to the livestock industry for the continuing period of the border closure. The CAIS program is not working. If nec-essary, the funds should be taken out of the contingency reserve.

Second, to renew our call for a cull program to address the backlog of older cattle shut out of the US by the closed border.

Third, to call on the government to provide tax incentives to support invest-ment in Canadian slaughter capacity, and note that its current efforts in these areas have been inadequate and ineffective.

I know when Conservative MPs return to Parliament next week this will be the top order of business. concluded Thompson.



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# Ottawa and Health Care Accountability

Dear Editor,

Once again, the recently released Canada Health Act annual report keeps Parlia-ment and Canadians in the dark about the state of our public health care system. The report is missing key in-formation about the growth of for-profit private clinics. Our Members of Parlia-

ment have hammered home the need for accountability as it relates to the sponsor-ship scandal. If MPs truly believe in accountability and transparency they will hold Federal Health Minis-ter Ujjal Dosanjh accountable for enforcing the five criteria and the two conditions of the Canada Health

With significant more federal health funding now available, Canadians expect more accountability from governments, not less. It is critical that provinces be required to provide informa-tion on the delivery of health care services, in particular for-profit and inves-tor-owned delivery versus public and not-for-profit delivery.

Auditor General Sheila Fraser found in October 2002 that Health Canada does not have the informa-tion it needs to identify non-

compliance. Ms. Fraser said, "Parliamentarians are expected to make decisions on billions of dollars transferred to the provinces and territories for

health care, but they still don't have enough informa-tion to know the extent to which the Canada Health

Act is being respected."
Alberta MPs like Rob
Merrifield, who is Vice-Chair of
the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, should conduct hearings on the Federal Health Minister's negligent approach to Canada Health Act reporting, monitor-

ing, and enforcement.

Public health care in Canada is too important for Canadians to be kept in the dark. Canadians own Medicare – they paid for it. We expect and deserve to know where and how our money is being spent.

Sincerely yours, Harvey Voogd



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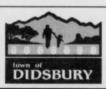
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1) Election of 3 Directors (2) Olds - (1) Carstairs Nominating Committee: Wanda Blatz 556-2063 Rudy Durieux 556-8962

2) Other business that is usually brought before the annual meeting, as permitted by the standard bylaws.



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  Robert Wigg, Development Officer

# **Wild Rose Constituents are** angry, Thompson even more so

by Carla Victor

What began with a moment of silence for four fallen RCMP officers at Myron Thompson's Town Hall meeting, March 3, quickly esca-lated to a tirade of everything wrong with this country.

Thompson, MP Wild Rose, is angry, frustrated and defiant in terms of his relationship with Ot-tawa, the Liberals and even his own party, at

Emotions are flying high and they come from all over the place," he told the 120 people in attend ance, representing all four corners of Mountain View County.

The meeting was held to get direction from Wild Rose constituents, as to how they would like Thompson to vote on the budget, same sex marriage and to hear their stand on the missile defense program Paul Martin took Canada out of, without debate in the House of Commons.

Thompson assured voters he will take that message to Conservative leader Stephen Harper and Ottawa.

The message will be: "people want us to stand up and be counted, especially on all those issues and put power back in the hands of the people; they want us to take a strong stand for the missiles defense program; they vote in the House of Commons concerning same sex marriage and vote no to the budget."

The Liberal budget

Thompson informed people the budget consisted of long term plans, cuts to the justice system, no money for agri-culture and said it should not be passed.

'That is how arrogant this government is," said Thompson, "they have long-term planning more than three and four years, even five and 10 vears

think they will be around?" What

-Criminal justice "of all the areas in the budget to cut from, in a heavy way, that is what they cut back on. They are closing RCMP detachments, closing a crime lab in Edmonton. Even today with the death of four RCMP officers, God rest their souls, they do

"I believe protection of life and property is one of the major functions of the land and it is a fun-damental duty that any politician should pro-

The justice system is out of control! The police do their best to protect us, they are forgetting to bring in measures that will protect them."

-Building up our mili-tary "they did that over a five year plan, yet we don't know what that five year plan is."

-Environment "there are some good things in the budget, I was glad to see it. But Kyoto, no

-National Day Care , "no plan. "I was appalled when one of the (Liberal) members said it was a pity that in Alberta more children were in the home rather than a day-care. What kind of statement is that?"

'People (mothers and fathers) should be able to stay home and raise their children with their values. We are not helping them do that and, in fact, we are encouraging the opposite.

Agriculture
The topic on everyone's mind was ignored the Liberals, said Thompson, adding nothing was written into the budget for that issue.

"Just the word Agriculture was there, no pre-amble, no follow up, nothing! Nothing to recognize the crisis this in-dustry is facing."

"I can not support a budget that will not sup-port justice! Not support tax breaks! Not support the farmers of my riding! My vote will be zero!"
"I have a difficult time

understanding why my own party, even the leader, who said they didn't support the budget but they would not allow the government to fall because Canadians were not ready for an election. "I've never seen a Cana-

dian ready for an election. I can't blame them," said Thompson, who said history has shown everyone that things will remain status quo, "There is some truth in that. The agricultural in-dustry is proof. In my 12 years in Ottawa, there was never any kind of policy was agriculture friendly what-so-ever, to any extent, that made a big dif-

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# Border

small group of emo-tional protectionists using the court system in the United States to circumvent what their government wants to

Federal Agriculture Minister Andy Mitchell echoed Horner's sentiments, saying that the U.S. government maintains their support for border re-opening.

"In this instance, it's not the U.S. govern-ment, but one judge in Montana making this decision," said Mitchell's press secre-tary Elizabeth Whit-

"This is not an issue of politics in this instance.

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Alberta Liberal Ag-riculture Critic Hugh MacDonald agreed that the U.S. government didn't guide Cebull's decision, stating false facts presented by R-CALF as the problem. He said R-CALF in-

flated the number of cattle that was ex-pected to cross the border into the U.S. on Mar. 7, by about two

"This decision was based on misinformation and politics and not science and fact," he said.

MacDonald criticized the Tory government for not doing enough to ensure the proper facts were proper facts were pre-sented to Judge Cebull.

"Here we have our quarter million dollar man Murray Smith down there in Washington supposedly fighting for Alberta's interests, yet what evidence do we have that he has done anything?" MacDonald said. "It appears in the lobbying war to open the border, Alberta has definitely lost out.

Both the Canadian government and the Canadian Cattlemen's Association attempted to enter Amicus Curiae (friend of the court) briefs, OUTLINING their positions. Horner said he is confident that further review by the federal court will result in a reversal of

the injunction, but in the meantime, he wants cattle producers to know that the govern-ment will do "whatever it takes" to ensure a sustainable future for

the industry.
"We've had a number of bumps and we've had a number of turns, but our objec-tive is still the same;

our destination is still the same," he said.

"We've just hit an-other bump. As Albertans, we're going to keep going. We're going to keep driving on and we're going to make sure we get to the destinations and we're going to be stronger when we get



# Neighborho

# **Didsbury Lions Club Bonspiel**

I'm sure when I say every-one had a good time, all will agree. The curling was great (draws to the button to break more than one tied game) and the food: the breakfasts were delicious and the ladies brought the best pies!

What a great assortment of door prizes supplied by Moun-tain View Credit Union, tain View Credit Union, Didsbury Dry Cleaners, For Trees Co., Skinny Joes, Marge St. Clair, Bruce Smith Grader Services, Rodger Logan Enter-Prises which were won by Bob Waters, Bev Craig (Bowden) Dave Melnichuk, Wanda Mudry, Yvonne Laveck, Dawn Backs, Gail Ramsay (Brooks), Doug Luft, Margaret Childs (Brooks) and Marilyn Moss (Carstairs). Winners of the first event and Travel Bags from ATB Financial were the Didsbury team of Brian Wittal, Wanda Mudry, George Van Vleit and Kim Wittal.

2nd place to Alicia Brooks from Cochrane with Elaine McFadden, Margaret Childs and Gail Ramsay who received Calculators from Vanda Agen-

The "B" Event was a tie after 8 ends so a draw to the button took place and the winning team of Doug & Connie Luft, Larry & Sharon Hildebrandt took home the briefcases from Brian Wittal, C.W.B.

2nd place Steve Thompson, Rina Shewchuk (Joanne Tennant), Bryce Tennant), Bryce Mickelborough and Dean Shewchuk of Carstairs who also received Calculators from Vanda Agencies.

Everyone wants to come back next year, Lions Club, so be prepared for another great

On a closing note, our Seniors 55+ Curling team who attended the Alberta Winter Games in Edmonton enjoyed all aspects of it, the opening & closing ceremonies, the entertainment was great, but the curling wasn't on the positive side as they won 1 game out of the 3 played.

# **Sandy Farr, World Champion**



"Hit it Hot- Not Hard'

#### by Tamara Collins

Every year the world's richest and most prestigious blacksmithing event, the World Championship Black smiths' Competition, is held during the Calgary Stam-

Contestants from around the world travel to test their skills against the best. This year the best has been named Sandy Farr Didsbury with her submission, "Hit it Hot- Not Hard". Farr has won the coveted title of World Champion along with it a collection of prizes including a limited edition bronze tro-

Farr has won a contract for seven pieces, five of which will be awarded to the World Champion for the next five years, one will be given to the major sponsor of the event and one will become part of a permanent collection of the Calgary Stampede.

In 2004 Darren Bazin of Kettering, England won this prestigious award.

The judges were watching for certain things in each piece. The theme must depict some aspect blacksmithing, it must be mounted on an appropriate base with room for a plaque, and it must be a maximum of 14 inches high including

The judges looked at quality of work, design, detail and finish. They looked at originality, suitability, technical correctness, and repre-sentational of the blacksmithing trade

Farr is a relatively new bronze sculptor, she is an accomplished cake decorator and sugar sculptor, winning seven consecutive years at

the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

Farr's first bronze was created in 2000 "A Lick and a Promise" has gained recognition in the dairy industry. Her first entry into the Stampede rodeo trophy bronze competition "Where it All Begins" resulted in acceptance of her piece, as the Champion Barrel Racer trophy for 2003 to 2007.

Farr's submission "Simple Distractions" to the 2003 Stampede Western Art Auction was chosen as the Juror's Choice for Best New Artist.

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### At The Kitchen Table

by Noreen Olson

I have always enjoyed watching the Antiques Road Shows, both the American and the British versions, and now that we have the Canadian genus I will be watching that one too. I appreciate antiques and I would love to be a serious collector but I will always be only an interested amateur. There are several reasons for this, first it would have been nice if my grandparents had been able to collect something beyond the bare necessities and second and thirdly, I don't have enough knowledge of the field and I don't have enough money to buy the really good stuff. This doesn't prevent me from dreaming however and when someone on the TV show finds that the vase he bought at a yard sale for fifty cents is worth several thousand dollars, I can imagine myself in a similar situation.

Why didn't my Grandparents befriend some hungry artist and accept an exquisite pastel or oil in exchange for food and lodging? And when my Dad retired why didn't he run errands and provide rides for someone wealthy and childless instead of looking after penniless widows and old ne'er do wells. Dad was also great for giving things away so if we did have anything that did not seem to have an immediate use it disappeared. I once stored several pairs of summer es in the basement and he bundled them up with other clothes and gave them to one of his charities. He also gave away an autoharp, any number of old books, several stone crocks, Grandma's bathtub and a collection of stone ham-mers and arrowheads. Nothing was safe from his periodic clean outs and who knows what treasures were lost to his generosity.

Mom was no help either. It was she who "modernized" aunt Tillie's Hallstand by having the mirror section sawed off of the bench. She did the same with the little wash stands, by removing the towel racks and replacing the original hardware. She also painted the Seth Thomas wall clock.

We have no family war heroes so there is no military memorabilia and the only really old china looks suspiciously like it had been hand painted by a not very talented person who had access to colors in only magenta, pink and two shades of green. I have one portrait from about 1900. It is a pastel chalk of my maternal Grandparents and I think it may be a photo that has been done over by a "colorist." It is not signed and although the frame is ornate I am sure that the value is strictly sentimental. The same applies to our family jewelry, some gold wedding rings and inexpensive brooches. No Faberge eggs, no Tiffany lamp shades, no Georgian silver.

Although I read the want ads and note the time and location for local yard sales I never seem to actually get to one and although I love Antique stores I rarely visit them eigen ther. Friends have told me about great bargains at Auctions but I have never been to an auction and I have little hope of improving my record. I think it would help if my husband were interested but he balks at such useless activity and on the rare occasions that I get him to stop at an antique store he is sweet and patient for about six minutes.

When we would remonstrate with Dad about giving away When we would remonstrate with Dad about giving away family treasures I was reminded of the story of the man who saw a Gutenberg Bible in a museum. "We used to have one of those," he said, "but my wife threw it out." "Threw it out!!," gasped the attendant, "don't you realize that a Gutenberg bible is worth millions of dollars?"

"Oh, no one would have wanted this one," said the tourist, "It was all marked up and scribbled in by some guy named Martin Luther."

named Martin Luther

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#### AROUND THE CIRCLE

## Redeemer Lutheran Church presents Passion Play

by Marge St. Clair

Wed. Mar. 9

The monthly pot luck dinner will be held at the 5-0 Centre at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favourite meat dish, salad or dessert and enjoy. Thurs. Mar. 10

he Seniors of the Town and surrounding districts are welcome to Eldon Foote Hall from 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, games, music etc. and you will also be doing an Easter Project.

Thurs. Mar. 10

The Chamber of Commerce will hold the monthly meeting in the Fireside Room at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 7:00 p.m. Coffee and dessert to follow the meet-

Fri. Mar. 11 Cribbage play will start at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Meet new people and enjoy the coffee and goodies served.

Mon. Mar. 14
Didsbury Lifeline Society
will be meeting at the Town
Office at 10:00 a.m. You will
be given all the details about having a Lifeline installed. Tues. Mar. 15

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club monthly breakfast will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym. Special feature, speaker and music. Please phone Vicky 335-3500 or Margie 335-3765 for reservations, please remember to honor your reservation, cancel or give it to a friend. Free baby sitting is supplied by the club. Tues. Mar. 15

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. No ap-

Hopefully, by now you have your entry in to Ken & Shelley Lewis at 335-4182 or have signed your team on the sheet at the Curling Rink for the annual St. Patrick's open mixed bonspiel the week of Mar. 14-19 at the Didsbury Curling Club. Mar. 19, 20 & 21

The Redeemer Lutheran Church is presenting the Pas-sion Play, the story of Easter ach night at 7:30 p.m. Complimentary refreshments for all after the play. Food hamper donations will be gladly accepted in lieu of admission. More details if you phone 335-

A notice from the Bus Committee. On May 18 the Com-munity Bus will be going to Thoroughbred Racing Stampede Park, leaving the Complex at 4:00 p.m. 15% of the cost must be in by April 15th and the balance by May 1st. All info by phoning Bea at 335-3058 or Gen at 335-

The former students of Burnside and Jutland Schools are planning the 100th year reunion July 24 & 25 at Lone Pine Hall. Students, teachers, neighbors etc. can contact Derek Page 335-3044, Shirley Thompson 335-3797 or Lois asebeer at 337-2147. It will

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# National Farm Safety Week



# **Keeping in touch**

Nearly half of runovers occur in the farm field. This can result in significant delays in injuries being identified and treated, as the vic-tim is likely out of the sight of others or where help is least available. Emergency response units may have difwhere help is ficulty accessing a remote field with their vehicles and equipment. This could lead to further delays in treatment, increasing the sever-ity of the health conse-quences of the injuries.

About half of farm related fatalities happen while the victim is working alone. The victim frequently dies at the ene of the injury event. Global positioning systems (GPS), two-way radios, and cell phones can help facili-tate quicker responses to an injury at an isolated site, as long as the communication device is always kept within reach. Considering the amount of work that farmare routinely do in isolation, a cell phone or two-way radio can be a valuable safety tool - as long as using it doesn't cause an accident! There are a number of things you can do to maximize your cell phone or two-way radio both as a business tool and a safety tool on your farm.

1. Selection. There are many different types of handsets and services for cellular phones and two-way radios. Give your specific needs careful consideration before selecting your package. For example

 Check with various service providers to ensure that you are within service range. Not all areas have access to cell phones serv-

You may need a power

point adapter to be installed in your tractor and perhaps an antenna as well to ensure enough power and reception for your cell phone or radio

to work properly.

Small, lightweight handsets have their advantages - but sometimes larger, sturdy handsets with bigger numbers and easy to push buttons, are what you really need.

2. Get phone friendly. Read your manufacturer's operating instructions guide and try out the features of your phone that can make it safer to use. For example, you can pre-program your most frequently called num-bers and then use automatic speed dial to avoid dialling every digit. It's also a good idea to pre-program emergency service numbers for quick and easy access.

Keep it close. Keep your phone on you. If you are injured, your phone is of no use to you if you can't reach it.

4. Don't get distracted. If you are in the middle of hazardous weather conditions or a difficult manoeuvre, don't be distracted by the telephone. Hang up if talk-ing takes your attention away from your task. Or, 't answer the phone that's what voice mail is for.

5. You are not an octo-pus. Remember, you've only got two hands, so use them to drive - not to flip through phone books. If you know you'll have to make a call while driving, program that phone number ahead of time. If you get a call dealing with important details, ask the caller to phone back

and leave a detailed message on your voice mail for you to pick up later.

 Just stop. If you have to place a quick call, do it when you're temporarily parked. If you must dial when driving, dial only a few numbers at a time; ensuring the area ahead, beside and behind is safe. Always re-member to tell everyone you speak with that you are driving - some may surprise you and ask to talk later.

Tell someone where you are. For safety's sake, always tell someone where you will be working. If 911 is called, cellular phones and two-way radios will not give emergency services the callers location the way landlines do. If you are working in a remote field and someone knows where you are, then they can assist in getting help more

quickly.
The Canadian Federation of Agriculture along with the Farm Credit Canada, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, and Ag-riculture and Agri-Food Canada want to remind Canadian farmers that phones and two-way radios can be valuable safety tools when used properly.



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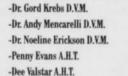
In so doing, you've raised the bar for all of us. During this last year, we've been reminded of the importance of community and the values that cement our rural heritage. While the challenges are many, Agriculture's adversity has brought us together in ways that touch the heart. You can be sure, we're better for it as friends, neighbors, and businesses

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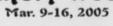
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# National Farm Safety Week



# Fast facts for senior farmer

From 1990 to 2000, most of the fatal injuries in farmers aged 60 and over were due to tractor Most rollovers were caused by towing heavy loads, such as disabled vehicles, or by pulling implements, stumps or logs using a tow chain

attached to a tractor.
The use of rollover protection structures (ROPS) and seat belts would substantially reduce the number of rollover fatalities in older farmers.

Runovers were a major cause of fatalities in older farmers. 51 % of machinery runover deaths occurred when a dis mounted tractor operator was run over by his/her unmanned tractor, often subsequent to a jump starting procedure. Tractors Tractors should never be started by means of the side ignition box. Tractor

operators should always shut off a tractor's engine and set its brakes prior to dismounting

of the runover deaths in senior farmers occurred when the operator fell from his/her machine and was then run over by it. Seatbelts should be worn at all times when a tractor is in motion.

Injuries sustained while handling and tending animals, espe cially bulls, were an important cause of fatalities in older farm-In many bull-related fatalities, the farmer was charged by an untethered bull. Most of the bull attacks appeared to be unpro-

Most hospitalized farm ma-chinery injuries in adults aged 60 occurred during the active periods of field crop production (spring through early fall)

Being entangled or caught in

operating farm machinery was the leading cause of hospitalization in farmers. Guards should always be used on PTOs and moving machine components

Tight-fitting clothing should be worn when working near PTOs, conveyers and other moving machinery. Most entanglement injuries are caused by loose clothing such as sweaters or coats being caught in the moving parts of a machine. The farmer is then drawn into the machine by his/ her entangled clothing.

Falls from machinery were a much more frequent cause of hospitalized injury for senior farmers than for younger farmers.

In senior farmers, tractors, augers, combines, motor vehicles, wer take off devices, swathers, balers and ploughs were the ma chines most commonly associated

with injury events.

Animal related trauma and falls from height were the leading causes of non machine-related hospitalized injuries in older farm-

Falls on the same level were a far more common cause of hospi-talized injuries in senior farmers than in younger farmers. This was especially true for senior fe-

Fast facts for all farmers On average, there are 114 agricultural hospitalizations each year in Canada. There has been no substantial change in the an-nual number of agricultural injuries in Canada over the past decade

In persons aged 15°, sideways rollovers (into ditches and from slopes) and backward rollovers (from sudden acceleration or in-correct towing practices) are the leading causes of agricultural fa-talities in Canada. Most rollover fatalities could be prevented if ROPS were retrofitted on all trac tors and operators wore seatbelts at all times. In jurisdictions where the retrofitting of ROPS has been made compulsory, rollover fatali ties have been virtually eliminated.

Many farmers are killed and injured working alone in isolated locations on Canadian farms and ranches. They frequently die at the scene of the injury event. Geographic positioning systems and two-way radios could facilitate rapid response to an injury at an isolated site, as long as communication devices were always kept within reach. Fast facts for farms where chil-

dren live or play: From 1990 to 2000, there were 109 fatal agricultural injuries in children aged 1-6 years in Canada. Over 84% of the children were re-

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lated to the farm owner/operators 79% of those killed were boys. Fa-talities in children aged 1-6 were 8.7% of the total number of agricultural fatalities

From 1990 to 2000, there were 717 agricultural hospitalized injuries to children aged 1-6 years in Canada. Hospitalized injuries to children aged 1-6 were 4.8% of total hospitalizations.

Across Canada, causes of injury accounted for almost 79% of the fatal agricultural injuries to children under seven: bystander runovers, extra rider falls and runovers, and drownings. Nationally, 34% of the agricul-

tural fatalities in children aged 1-6 were bystander runovers. The vehicle was usually reversing at the time of the runover.

Bystander and extra rider runover injuries are so severe that there is negligible chance of a child surviving, even if immediate medical care were available.

Children of any age should never be taken as extra riders on tractors or other farm machinery. Extra riders are at extremely high risk for fatal falls or runovers.

On farms, child drownings generally occur when young children wander away from parents or other relatives who are engaged in chores. Nationally, 20% of agricultural deaths in children aged 1-6 were due to drowning. Most drownings took place in manmade water sources such as dugouts. Children have also drowned in sewage pits, manure pits, wa-ter troughs, rain barrels and

Machine entanglements were the most common rea-son for hospitalized injuries in children aged 1-6. Entanglements often result in permanent disabling injuries, such as limb amputations.

To prevent runovers, drownings, pinnings and entanglements, the farm or ranch work site must be completely off limits to children aged 1-6. Drowning hazards and areas where tractors, pick up trucks, machinery and equipment are operated should be barriered "child-free zones", inaccessible to preschool children.

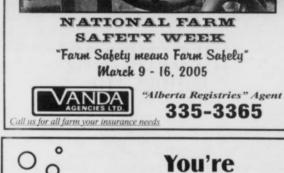


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## Does your family know where you are?

Over half of farm-related fatalities happen while the victim is working alone, reveals a study by Canada's leading authority on agricultural injuries.

In Canada, 61 per cent of farms are run by single operators, meaning farmers rou-tinely work alone. Even with larger family corporations or

partnerships, farmers often work in isolation - it's just the nature of the busines

The biggest problem with working alone, obviously, is getting help quickly when you need it," says Bob Friesen, president of the Canadian Fed-eration of Agriculture (CFA). "This makes farm safety a ne-cessity, not a nicety."

"Safety is in the details" is the theme of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, March 9-15, 2005. The campaign examines the physical considerations of farm work with a special focus on seniors and what can be done to reduce the risks of injuries and fatalities. The mes sage "Safety is in the details" encourages farmers to tell someone where he or she is working and what time he or she should be back.

"Older farmers represent a vital portion of Canadian producers," says Marcel Hacault, executive director of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA). "We need to encourage safe practices that will ensure their continued good health and productivity in what is a very physically demanding industry. A safe farm is a successful farm."

The average Canadian farmer is over 50 years old, Canadian placing greater emphasis on safety for seniors. Farmers aged 60 and over represent only 13 per cent of the farm-ing population, but suffer 35 per cent of all agricultural fatalities and 24 per cent of agricultural hospitalizations, according to a study by the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program

# Job safety analysis can help save lives on farms

Between April 1990 and 2000, more than Canadian farmers March over 60 were hospitalized for treatment of agriculturerelated injuries. During the same years, 433 senior farmers died because of their injuries

"Much can be done to improve the safety of farmers, particularly senior farm-ers," explained Glen Blahey, who chaired the Making Farming Safe for Senior Farmers' study by the Cana-dian Agricultural Safety Association and supported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in 2002. "Many, if not all, farm-related injuries are preventable," explained Blahey. He added in particular the highest-fatality activity, tractor rollovers, could be prevented if farmers used tractors equipped with rollover protection structures (ROPS) and wore seatbelts when operating their equipment.

One of the best ways to determine likely hazards for farmers is to analyze the safety of various jobs they do every day," explained Blahey. "Those most familiar with a job are best suited to evaluate the risks asso-ciated with it. They must consider it impartially and suppress thoughts about how it is done and focus on how the tasks should be performed to avoid injury or formed to an approperty damage."

ducting a job safety analy-

is going to be performing, added consideration must be given to the possible limitations the person brings to the task." This means takinto consideration things like poorer eyesight, decreased mobility, and lessened reaction time when

completing the analysis.

An analysis can be completed either by a senior farmer who does a job or their supervisor or co-worker. "The process of conducting a job safety analysis is straightforsupervisor analysis is straightforward," explained Blahey. A job safety analysis involves six separate steps. These

Identifying a specific job to be performed;

Breakdown the entire job into the individual steps; Identify the potential hazards associated with per-

forming each task; Determine what actions or measures are necessary to eliminate or control the hazards of each step;

 Make the necessary changes to control the hazards by ensuring effective training and making changes in equipment or product used; and, making

Evaluate the success

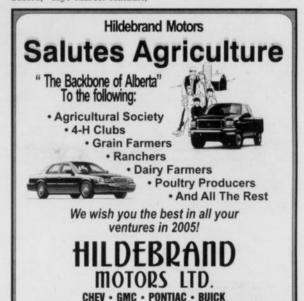
of the job safety analysis.

By following this sequence of steps, Blahey says farmers should be able to effectively gauge the risks of their daily routine and help eliminate unnecessary risks. The Canadian Agricul-

tural Injury Surveillance Program (CAISP), which tracked agricultural inju-ries between 1990 and 2000, offers several suggestions to reduce injuries and fatalities for older Canadian farmers Measures such as installing ROPS and seatbelts on tractors, properly maintaining all equipment, and ensuring guards are in place and in proper order on all power takeoffs (PTOs) and moving parts can do much to lessen or eliminate many risks which farmers unnecessarily expose themselves to.

In addition, the CAISP study suggests senior farmavoid altogether certain risky activities, such as towing disabled equipment with tractors or dismount-ing tractors without shutting off the engine or setting the parking brake. They also suggest farmers observe "best practices" when handling larger livestock.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, Farm Credit Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are urging farmers to analyze the risks and plan to work



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# Mountain View County Freecycle: Keep Trash out of Our Landfills

The Mountain View County Freecycle Network is proud to announce the launch of their new online group and accompanying message board, Mountain View County Free Cy cle. Based on the old adage that "one person's trash is another person's treasure", the MVC Freecycle Network's goal is to slow the flow of trash into our landfills by connecting people who want to get rid of old "stuff" with those frugal people looking for "stuff"

Anyone looking to give away or acquire an item is welcome at MVC Freecycle, where all items listed are absolutely free!

Mountain View County Freecycle welcomes charitable organizations to post their needs, giving confidence to a donor that the item is actually needed locally, and is not going to collect dust on a thrift store shelf.

The MVC Freecycle Network was established in February, 2005 by Mountain View County resident, Lee-Anne Akister.

MVC Freecycle is hosted on Yahoo! Groups. Signing up is simple.

Instructions are available on the MVC Freecycle Yahoo! page at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ods3freecycle.

Recognizing a good idea when we see one, the Mountain View County Freecycle Network was inspired by and is modeled after the Tucson Freecycle Network, founded in May 2003 and profiled in the September 2003 issue of Utne magazine. Created by the non-profit group "Downtown Don't Waste It", the Tucson Freecycle Network has sparked a w o r l d w i d e "freecycling" revolution of 965,609 people in 2,416 cities and several countries so far, with more added every day.

To see grassroots working at its best, visit the "freecycling" movement website at: According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Americans recycle approximately 28% of its garbage, thus keeping

million tons

waste out of landfills

across the country.

Similar statistics are

unfortunately not available for Canada at present.

The MVC Freecycle Network would like to see Canada's rate of recycling exceed U.S. levels.

Local Mountain View County area residents are encouraged to join the MVC F eecycle group and "freecycle" their trash rather than just thoughtlessly tossing it away to clog and fill our landfill sites.

Together, we can raise awareness, reduce waste, and build a brighter tomorrow.

# Country Critters 4-H club

We are back again from Christmas break, and have finished our public speaking.

The results are as follows: Intermediate, 1st Sarah Connolly, 2st Lexya Oulton, 3st Miriam Boucher, and Junior, 1st Paige Juneau, 2st Niko Tsiras, 3st Robyn Kennedy. Speeches were very well done and ranged anywhere from animal abuse to how

great life is in the country.

We are doing agility and fly-ball with our dogs for the next few months. Our club will have a booth a the Didsbury Trade Fair and we will have our flower baskets for sale at that time. As well, we will be selling the rural address signs. For info on either of these fundraisers call our club leader Glenda at 637-0153.



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by Tamara Collins

# DHS jazz band runnerup in international festival

"Playing well is one thing, but being the runner up is another thing."

> -Kirk Wassmer, DHS band teacher

School Jazz Band spent Feb. 23rd to the 26th in Moscoe, Idaho for the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival.

Over 1200 students attended the event from over 300 schools, 20 states and three provinces.

"This is one of the largest jazz festivals in the

world," Wassmer, DHS band teacher.

The DHS band was the runner up in their division, out of 25 bands from school's their size.

This is the band's second year together so we are very pleased," said Wassmer. "Our performance went very well which

surprised me because it was our first time at a large festival. Students admitted to being

very nervous because this "such a big deal" "Playing well is one thing, but

being the runner up is another

thing," said Wassmer.
The school does a lot of local competitions, but usually nothing of this size.

"It was also nice because to listen to pro musicians, there were some world class artists and it was incredible listening to them make music," Wassmer. "That is what jazz is really all about, listening."

The school is planning on attending more of these events in the future.

"It was such a great experience," said Wassmer.

# Midget provincials getting close

Gord Kerr is no stranger hockey, he has been coaching for the past ten years, so he is very excited to be hosting the provincials with the Midget B Revolvers on March 18th -20th.

"I have been coaching here for four years," said Kerr. "I also have two sons in hockey, one in Pee Wee and one in Midget."

The Revolvers are busy finishing up their league play-offs, while trying to

We are still practising twice a week, that has not changed," said Kerr. "We are also playing twice a week. The kids have really played through some adversity this year, we only have 11 kids on our roaster."

Because of the small roaster the team has been borrowing players from the Midget C team to help out Players from this team will also help out during the Provincials.

coach in it," said Kerr. "It is all A or AA hockey, which is great hockey, for the whole weekend.

For the full schedule you can go to www.provincialchampionships.com.

"I just want to say thanks so much to all the many volunteers who are helping to make this possible," said Kerr. "It is really good hockey and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy and support our local team.



Mark Legette, Gord Kerr, Mike Jackson

# Community Garage Sale



On April 23rd from 9 am to 3 pm don't miss Didsbury's Community Ga-rage sale. The sale is being organized by the Town of Didsbury. It will take place at the curling rink where

the ice is.

Tables are \$10 and they are going on a first come

"We have about 60 tables in total," said organizer Nicole Aasen. "So if you have some stuff to get rid of this is the perfect place.

The proceeds from the rental of tables will go towards recreational programs within the town such as the Summer Fun program and Go Girls program.

"Anything that does not sell is the responsibility of the table holder," said Aasen.

For those who remember the garage sale will be similar to the Canada Day one a few years ago

rid of old stuff that maybe someone else needs," said Aasen. "Also you are benefiting the community at the same time.

To book a table please call Nicole at 335-3391.

"Please no early birds!" said Aasen.



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# Thompson

"All this, when agri-culture is the number one industry in the land, in the world."

"I guess there are too many people out there who think if farmers go under they can still go to Safeway and buy their grub.

Thompson reiterated these are dangerous times we live in. He said every morning he wakes up there is another development on crucial is-

"We need to save the farm (with this budget). They need a quick injection, they need to think about the people who are depressed and sup-pressed, so much so, some of them are con-sidering suicide. But this budget didn't do it." Thompson said coun-

cillors in other parts of Wild Rose (Banff, Canmore) were praising the government for the fine things they did in regards to parks and environment, at their re-cent Town Hall Meet-

"I agreed with them, those things are okay but I said to them, if you let agriculture collapse I'm not so sure you people will have a whole lot of future for yourselves. Agriculture has an effect on everybody, every said where. Thompson, adding those other town councillors eventually agreed.

"That is why we need to talk, we need to make sure people understand how important it is to our society as a whole.

#### U.S. Border

"I believe Mr. Bush will make it happen, once he gets the chance. I believe, I've got to be-lieve the U.S. Agriculture department wants the border open." "I know there is a big

push from down there from feedlots and meat packers, whose business is shutting down. They want cattle! It's only a handful of a few from Rhandful of a few from R-Calf who don't want this to happen. Hopefully the other side will over-ride and they will get things flowing."

"It is out of our hands, it is now in the hands, it is now in the

hands of the United States, so please Mr. Martin don't pull out another sharp stick and jab it in the eye of Mr. Bush."

#### Missile Defense

Thompson said, in Brussels, George Bush asked Paul Martin, what his intentions were con-cerning the missile defense system. Martin said he didn't know, he promised a full, public debate, and a vote in the house of commons

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"And last Monday Martin waltzes into the House of Commons and said Canada won't participate. No vote, no de-

"You can't trust someone who says one thing and does an-

Thompson said, believing there would be debate, he spent \$3,000 sending out question-naires to see how his constituents wanted

him to vote, now to find out it was for nothing. "Bush hasn't re-turned Martin's phone call (about the future of the U.S. border status) in 10 days, and he won-ders why. Condoleeza Rice cancels her Foreign Affairs meeting, and he

wonders why.
"It's all about political stuff. It is all about political correctness. It's not about doing the right thing and I'm bloody sick of it! After 12 years I'm getting sicker and sicker as every day goes by."

Canada's Justice

#### System

Thompson, the Conservative's opposition to the Minister of Justice, said this area was the most frustrating to him.

"I'll bet anyone dol-lars to donuts the reason these police died is because we have been pandering to criminals for so long, and to heck with the victims."

"For eight years I've been trying to stamp out child pornography, that

is a no brainer."

"Babies in diapers, two-year-old kids being molested and exploited in videos and pictures. Real live children, not drawings or sketches, real children being exploited across this country day in and day out on the internet in a billion dollar industry.

"You can not get this government to move because it is going to in-fringe on the rights of some poor idiot who has freedom of expression."

"It is time to do some-

thing about that, I pre-fer to see our kids safe and your freedom of ex-pression shoved up the

Thompson has suggested the age of consent be changed from 14-years-old to 16, even 17. He has been shut down every time.

"This old boy is frus-

trated." Thompson referred to

the Roman Empire.
"Remember why it went under, they had peace, they had an abun-dance of goods and luxury items, but their morals went down the tube, slowly but surely, and they collapsed from within.

"If there is one thing that worries me about my friends to the south is their \$9 trillion debt. Please Lord help them through that.

Thompson said at this point in his career he doesn't care about right and left.

"I want to be right. and if they don't agree with me I want them to be wrong. I don't want them to be left. I don't care about that anymore."

Thompson has told Stephen Harper that he should go to the Prime Minister and deliver e demands

"Stand before Paul Martin and say, 'if you want us to vote for the budget we have to start

-You must address immediate needs at the

farm gate.
-Three senators were elected in Alberta, you

must appoint them.
-Close the door to forced votes and open free votes on every issue, especially on same

"Let the people speak freely through their rep-resentatives. Do not force Members of Parliament to go against the wishes of the people."

Thompson demanded Stephen Harper to get concessions or tell the Prime Minister the budget vote will be no. "If (the Liberals) are willing to let farmers

fall, they should go down too!"

That is rough, that is a rough picture. I didn't even get into the broader details," Thompson, in closing. but it needed to be said.

"You know how I'm voting and you also know that is dismaying to some of the people in my own party, but I don't care."

Question Period

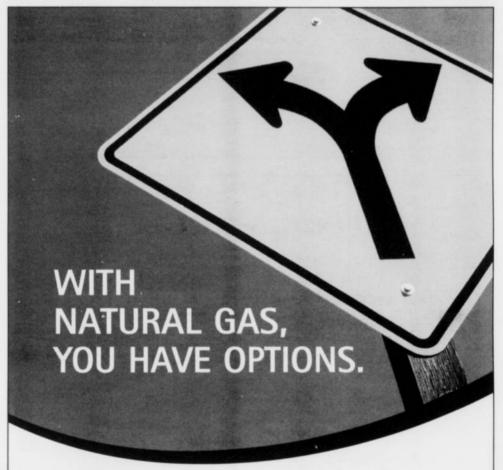
Question period

brought more on the topics covered by Thompson, as well as introducing a as wer as introducing a border closure (on Cana-da's side) and Alberta separation from Canada. People were asked for a

straw vote on closing the border to U.S. cattle and cattle-based products, from those in attendance the answer was an overwhelming yes.
Another straw pole

asked who would be in favour of separating from Canada, again, winning by a small margin, the an-

"I think we need to separate from Ottawa, not Canada," said Thompson.



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"The cards, letters and flowers that we have received have very much been appreciated," said Cpl. Jeff Mercier. "Often when tragedy strikes we tend to second guess ourselves as to why we serve our communities. With the show of support from all of you, it renews our faith and commitment to the citizens and communities we serve."



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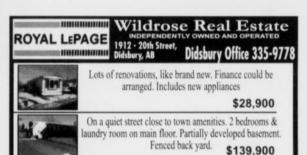
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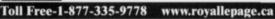




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# **News Brief**

On February 25th 2005 at 09:30 P.M. Didsbury RCMP were called to a hit and run that occurred south of the Westcott Road on highway 2A. A black 2002 Pontiac Sunfire was travel-ling south-bound on highway 2A south of the Westcott road attempting to turn east when it was struck from behind causing

considerable damage and injuring one occupant. The subject vehicle then fled the scene but is believed to have followed the victim from the Town of Olds to the location of the collision. No description of the ve-

hicle was obtained.

If you have any information about this crime or any other unsolved crime please

call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477). Crime Stoppers pays cash re-wards up to \$2000 for information that leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property or the sei-zure of illegal drugs. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and your call display and your call is anonymous.

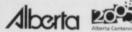






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# Ryan's Smile

Ryan sat on his horse and smiled. It was the kind of smile that warmed the entire building. The kind of smile that said he loved where he was, loved who he was with and loved what he was doing.

What he was doing was riding Blondie, his palamino pony mare. They walked around and around the arena, circles and serpentines, reverses and diagonals, halts and backs. Once in a while they rode a trail, over grasses, through the brush, up the hill and down again. Sometime they even trotted and Ryan giggled.

Who he was with was his family and friends. His parents would bring Blondie and Ryan to his lessons. His brothers would help get Blondie ready and his sisters would help Ryan with his helmet. His friends helped Ryan mount and ride. Some waved from the sidelines. And his family smiled and his friends smiled, because who else was smiling but Ryan.

Ryan and his family and friends were in a quiet arena in Olds. They were all part of the Mount View Special Riding Association. Why special? The arena was just like many arenas that cover the province. The family was just sharing an activity as families do. The pony was just an ordinary pasture pony. The friends were just everyday people.

But those everyday people give up an hour or two of their week. Those pasture ponies listen and respond to their riders like never before. Those families support and cheer and cry at the progress made. Because this is therapy - on a horse. This is fun and achievement in a whole new way. And the arena ... is filled with smiles.

And what of Ryan?
He never held the reins
to control his horse
but he stroked her with
all the love in the
world. He never sat on
his own but Blondie's
movement was
strengthening him to
do that. He never
spoke to tell her to
walk or whoa, but she
knew when he was
happy and when he
needed help.

In the midst of tubes and hoses, paramedics voices and the whir of helicopter blades came the panic, fear and despair of loss. The Lord called Ryan home in November 1999. He was 11 years old. Our treasure was gone. But Ryan's family received a small gift from a friend; a painting of Ryan on Blondie with his siblings surrounding him in angel wings. And of course Ryan is smiling.

Jesus said " As you would that men should do to you do you also to them likewise." Thank you Ryan for sharing the wisdom of your soul through your smile.

Ryan's family continues their support of Mount View Special Riding Association by bringing horses, including Blondie and her daughter, volunteering at lessons and working on the board. They also sponsor an annual memorial trophy for riders for "Achievement in the Face of Challenge". Contact MVSRA @ 556-7247 or 337-2950.

# **News Brief**

On February 27th, 2005 at approximately four o'clock in the afternoon a vehicle was rear-ended in the parking lot in front of the Memorial Complex in Didsbury. A red Toyota Tercel was rear ended by what is believed to be a dark green Chevrolet Extended

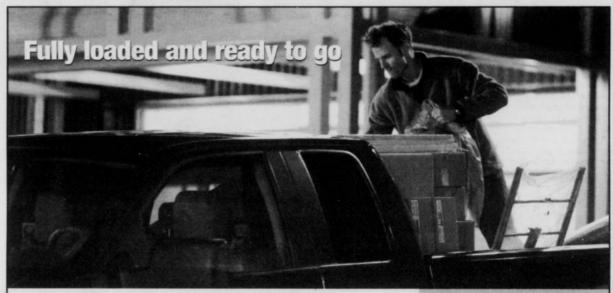
cab pickup truck with a diamond plated chrome toolbox.

The truck drove away without stopping.

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# Olds College shares expertise with recovery efforts in South Asia

Olds College Struck a Task Force immediately following the

ately following the Tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia, convinced its unique programs, personnel and resources could benefit recovery efforts. On March 20, a college representative will travel to Sri Lanka to determine first-hand what kind of role Olds College will provide in long-term rebuilding.

Gord Gilchrist, who has worked as an instructor in the Agricultural Technology program for the past eight years, has teamed with a group of five other experts from A Better World - a partner with Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA Canada). Gilchrist became connected with Better World through one of his students.

"I've been asked to go on this fact-finding trip to offer my technical advice." said Gilchrist. "I'm happy to offer what I can, but I feel daunted and all-consumed by the project. It's hard to explain. But since this tragedy there is some

thing inside me that is telling me to do something. With the absolutely supportive response from the staff and students of Olds College, I know many other people feel the same. Olds College has the skills and expertise that I believe will make a real difference in that part of the world."

The Tsunami Task Force, which includes representatives from program areas across campus as well as the Olds College Board of Governors, whole-heartedly approved Gilchrist's participation with Better World's mission.

The group will spend three weeks on the eastern shores of Sri Lanka, which has a very poor population whose main livelihood is fishing. It is the same area where the Canadian Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) was set up.

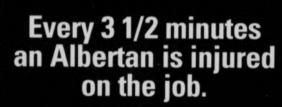
up.
"Our mandate is to select the projects that will be developed to source local materials and labour, and to build budgets and timelines"

is a local boat repair business, for instance, that has been destroyed. I can determine what kind of facility and machinery could be made available, because those people need to get boats repaired and people back on their feet. "Through Olds College, we can offer expertise water resources, well and sewer systems, utilities, carpentry, GPS technology, engine repair, farming practises, animal health... the list goes on and on.

There has been a lot of money flowing into the region, but many development agencies are missing experts who can determine what's needed and actually get the work done. "

"People from Olds College and from A Better World are ready to start."

The information brought back through this initial trip will determine the direction the Olds College Tsunami Task Force will take. "The Board of Governors is eager to hear our plan," said Dick Thomson, Chair of the Tsunami Task Force. "Olds College prides itself on being responsive. We have a big role to play here and this is bringing out the best in the Olds College community."



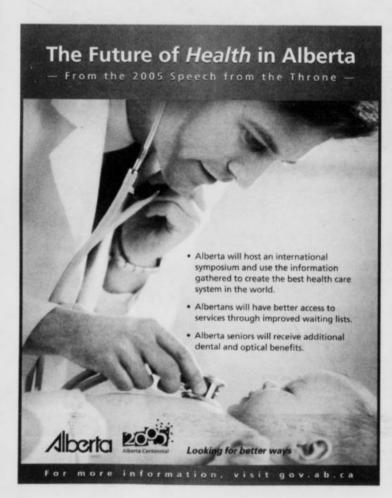
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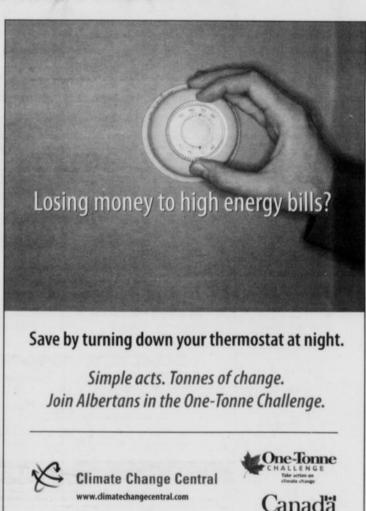


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# Focus on the Family



QUESTION: My children love to do things for themselves, but they make such messes that it's easier for me to do the things for them. I just don't have the patience to see them fumble with stuff. Do you think I'm wrong to step in?

DR. DOBSON: I think you are wrong, even though I understand how you feel. I heard a story about a mother who was sick in bed with the flu. Her darling daughter wanted so much to be a good nurse. She fluffed the pillows and brought a magazine to read. And then she even showed up with a surprise cup of tea.

"Why, you're such a sweetheart," the mother said as she drank the tea. "I didn't know you even knew how to make tea."

"Oh, yes," the little girl replied. "I learned by watching you. I put the tea leaves in the pan, and then I put in the water and boiled it. Then I strained it into cup. But I couldn't find a strainer, so I used the flyswatter instead."
"You what?" the mother screamed

The little girl said, "Oh, don't worry, Mom, I didn't use the new flyswatter. I used the old one."

Well, when kids try their hardest and they get it all wrong in spite of themselves, what's a parent to do? What mothers and fathers often do is prevent their children from carrying any responsibility that could result in a mess or a mistake. It's just easier to do everything for them than to clean up afterward. But I urge parents not to fall into that trap.

Your child needs her mistakes. That's how she learns. So go along with the game every now and then even if the tea you drink tastes a little strange.

QUESTION: Isn't it our goal to produce children with self-discipline and self-reliance? If so, how does your approach to external discipline imposed by parents get translated into internal control?

DR. DOBSON: There are many authorities who but but a parents take a passive approach to their children for the reason implied by your question: They want their kids to discipline themselves. But since young people lack the maturity to generate that self-control, they stumble through childhood without experiencing either internal or external discipline.

Thus, they enter adult life having never completed

Thus, they enter adult life having never completed an unpleasant assignment, or accepted an order that they disliked, or yielded to the leadership of their elders. Can we expect such a person to exercise self-discipline in young adulthood? I think not. That individual doesn't even know the meaning of the words. My belief is that parents should introduce their children to discipline and self-control by any reasonable means available, including the use of external influences when they are young. By being required to behave responsibly, children gain valuable experience in controlling their own impulses and resources. ence in controlling their own impulses and resource Then as they grow into the teen years, responsibility is transferred year by year from the shoulders of the parents directly to the children. They no longer are required to do what they have learned during earlier years, in the hope that they will want to function on their own initiative.

To illustrate, a boy should be required to keep his room relatively neat when he is young. Then somewhere during the mid-teens, his own self-discipline should take over and provide the motivation to continue the task. If it does not, the parent should close the door and let him live in a dump, if that is his choice

In short, self-discipline does not come automatically to those who have never experienced it. Self-control must be learned, and it must be taught.

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# **Up and Down the Fireman's Ladder**

by Tyrone Patten

I'm not going to jinx things by saying anything about the weather, but it is fantastic. The water was running, the sun was shining, and the gophers were running around. I'm not going to say that spring is here, but just maybe!

The last time I told you about the upcoming training, I forgot to mention that our yearly evaluations were to be done in February. Maybe it was because it was too horrible to think about, or if w didn't mention it, they would go away. Alas, training officer O'Dell had us do them any-way. For those of you that are new to this column, once a year we do an evaluation to find out what we remember from our training, and to see if there are some areas that need improvement. It usually takes us two training nights, and it's not that bad in the

We would all like to wel-come Jeff Lambert to the department. He finished his training and received his pager recently. Jeff comes with a lot of experience in firefighting and emergency medicine from his previous hometown. He will be a very valuable member of our team. Welcome Jeff.

I'm going to take this op-

portunity to say a big thank you to our significant others. Our wives, girlfriends, hus-bands and boyfriends are so patient and understanding. They are the ones that have to tell our children why we missed their birthday party, or explain why we couldn't be at the fam-

ily gathering.

They are also the ones that come out to the scene to see if we need anything, and ask if they should go to the store for lunch supplies before it closes.

We don't seem to take the time to tell them, but they are our back up for a lot of things. Thank you all for being who

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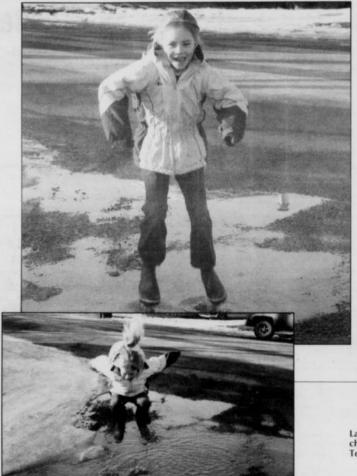
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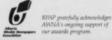


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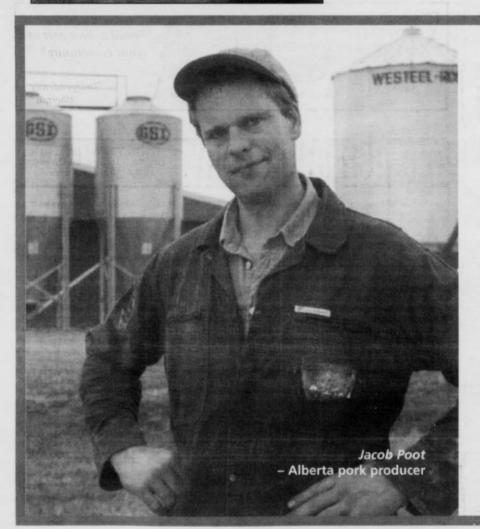
For nomination information, call toll free 1-866-423-9911 Or check the RPAP website at www.rpap.ab.ca

## Splish Splash

Last week temperatures went into the double digits melting the snow and leaving children with some big puddles to play in.

Tori Gow spent the day jumping in the puddles and taking in the warm rays.

-photos by Tamara Collins



# You want to talk water quality. So do I.

s a producer, I take water quality seriously. At know that the way our hog operation is managed can affect water quality. My family lives here and drinks the water. And our neighbours across this community depend on clean water.

Today, Alberta has strict standards for how livestock operations are regulated. Producers welcome those standards because they provide a meaningful, responsible basis for livestock producers and their industry, and for the communities in which they're situated.

Protecting water quality is good for the well-being of my family and the community.

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Thanks to Dr. Puts, Dr. Bredo, nurses, staff and Tim for all their kindness.

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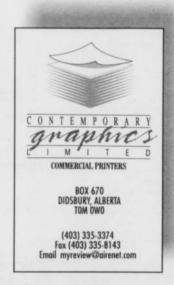


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Catch The Reading Bug at Midway School's Scholastic bookfair. Opening March 8 - 10. Everone is welcome. Books make great Eastergifts!

Easter Triduum Easter Triduum St. Anthony's Catholic Church 2030-24th Ave. Holy Thursday 5:30 p.m. Good Friday 3:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil 9:00 p.m. Call 507-0890 for more

#### DIDSBURY

Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip
Thoroughbred Racing at Stampede Park
Calagry Wed., May 18. Cost \$35.00
includes dinner, gratuities and bus. Must
have 15% of cost by April 15. Balance by May 1. Bus leaves complex at 4:00 p.m Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip Cash Casino Calgary. Wednesday, March 16. Cost \$10. Bus leaves Com-plex at 10 a.m. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

5-0 Club Hall Rentals For hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner

ONGOING EVENTS

#### **DIDSBURY**

THE DIDSBURY REVIEW

Walking Group Meets Mondays and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Westglen School. Meet at main entrance or contact Cindy at 335-9437 for more information.

#### **OLDS**

Mountain View Sheep Producers Meetings on the first Monday of each month from October to June, at 7:30 p.m. in Olds. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

#### SUNDRE

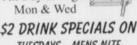
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ference Room at 7 p.m. For more infor-mation contact Cindy at 335-4123. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM New Fall hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: (Closed for the Summer) the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Morn's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Knox United Church, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-9107 or 335-9372 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

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O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regu lar meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for sen-Services co-o iors. Call 335-4391.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning d For info call Susan at 335-3174

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL is now accepting registrations for 2004 2005 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social pro gramming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Chemie 335-8818 or 335-8039

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for

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#### **OLDS**

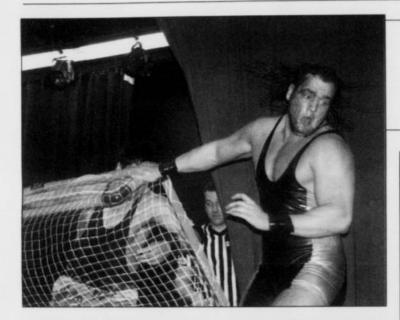
MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-



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